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Offenders in the PLUS unit at the Correctional Industrial Facility have been making bears for several non-for-profit groups that work hand in hand with their community. 20 bears were given to, "Turnstone Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities". This non-for-profit group serves the Ft. Wayne, Allen County Area.

The Indiana Women's Prison Sheltered Workshop offenders and staff created cloth Easter Baskets with floppy eared bunnies for each of the babies on the Wee-Ones Nursery Unit. The spirit of creating the baskets was so great that the offenders made three dozen extra baskets and donated them to the homeless ministries.



The Wabash Valley Building Trades class put their skills to good use, building a new concession stand for North Central High School in Sullivan County. The much needed new concession stand was delivered to the school this week. Wabash Valley Superintendent Dick Brown called it a win-win effort, with offenders learning valuable job skills along with the pride of giving back to the community. (see photo left)

Miami Correctional Facility's Straight Talk Program went on the road to Twin Lakes High School. The offenders spent two days talking to more than 150 students about their lives. Many students said the program will make them think twice when making future decisions about drugs and alcohol.

IDOC Human Resources Director Kathleen Cordial and new Pendleton Facilities Complex Human Resource Generalist Mark Sabatino toured the Pendleton Correctional Facility.

In a celebration of achievement, Madison Correctional Facility recognized the accomplishments of more than 125 offenders. The women successfully completed and graduated from programming in a variety of areas including college, GED, Career-Technical, USDOL apprenticeship and GRIP or PLUS therapeutic communities.

Students in Mr. DeHart's U.S. History classes at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility were treated to a "Depression-style" dinner of Poor Man's Casserole and Ritz Cracker Mock Apple Pie for successfully completing the Great Depression unit. The Depression Dinner prepared by Culinary Arts students under the direction of Vickie Schmidt.

Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility passed their ACA Program review audit. Superintendent Griffin thanked all Chain O' Lakes staff for there hard work and dedication on a job well done.

Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility held a graduation ceremony for five GED graduates. "A" Honor Roll students, "A/B" Honor Roll students, and students that earned credits were also recognized at the ceremony.

Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) allowed nearly 100 family members of MCF staff to enter the facility for a tour during Correctional Employee Appreciation Week. Family members where able to see where the offenders live, play and have programming by going in the Offender Services Building, a Housing Unit and the Recreation Building.

The Calvary Temple choir performed beautifully for the offenders of the Indiana Women's Prison (IWP). The IWP Clown Ministry also provided a ministry program. The offenders departed the programs stating that their spiritual needs were fulfilled that day through both programs.

The Correctional Industrial Facility's PLUS unit hand made more than 200 Mother's Day Cards for a neighboring nursing home.

Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility kicked off Correctional Employees Week with a staff breakfast provided by ARAMARK and served by Superintendent Kathy Griffin. Week long events include cookouts, an ice cream social, and a night of bowling. Members of the local community advisory board were invited and attended several events. The week ended with the presentation of length of service and employee of the quarter awards.

Students enrolled in Phase 3 of the Why Try program at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility have been given an opportunity to be student presenters to the program's new intake students during school orientation. During the presentations, Phase 3 students relay their experiences both in and out of the correctional facility, as well as how the Why Try Program has enabled them to think more appropriately about situations, so that they can make positive decisions in their lives.

Correctional Lieutenant Ryan Harrison from Indiana State Prison represented the Indiana Department of Correction at the National Mock Prison Riots in West Virginia.

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